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Resolution 1975-14-22

FIREARMS LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners shares the concern of all America's citizens over increasing crime rates and additional restrictions being imposed on the rights and privileges of our people: and

WHEREAS, the member states of this Association have primary responsibility as conservators of their state's wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, in fulfilling this responsibility the member states have dealt at good length with firearms-related recreation and with firearms owners; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that the vast majority of firearms owners and users are concerned, respectable and responsible individuals; and

WHEREAS, there presently are many broad proposals at the local, state and federal level, which would arbitrarily deprive or unreasonably hinder the legitimate possession, usage and enjoyment of many types of firearms; and

WHEREAS, such broad and restrictive proposals presently do not clearly identify the types of firearms that need to be controlled or removed from private ownership in order to substantially reduce the incidence of firearms-related crimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, vigorously opposes all firearms related legislative proposals which would restrict the possession and free use of firearms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Association strongly supports firearms legislation which is directed at the illegal or improper use of firearms and particularly that which attaches strong, mandatory sanctions against those who are found guilty of committing such acts.